

Remarks

Claims 1-65 are pending in the present application. Claims 39 and 46-65 have been withdrawn from consideration and are hereby cancelled.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6, 20, 21, 27, 32, 33, 44 and 45 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 5,590,624 to Emond et al. The Examiner has also rejected claims 27, 29 and 31 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by US Published Patent Application 2003/0136544 to Albright et al. The Examiner has also rejected claims 7 - 14, 16, 17, 22 - 24, 26, 28, 30, 34 - 36, 38, 40 and 43 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Emond or Albright in view of various references.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 15, 18, 19, 25, 37, 41 and 42 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly claims 1 and 44 have been amended to include the subject matter of claim 25 and claims 25 and 27-43 have been cancelled.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephonic conference would be useful in furthering the present application toward allowance, the undersigned attorney would welcome such a call.

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